

HAKATA

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HORSE-KEEPING  
DUTY

# FIRST TIME AT HORSEKEEPING

IROHE





...SO

I'LL  
EXPLAIN WHAT  
TO DO WHEN ON  
HORSEKEEPING  
DUTY NOW.



ASK ME  
WHATEVER YOU WANT.  
...BUT I'LL WARN YOU,  
I WON'T ALLOW  
CUTTING CORNERS  
BECAUSE THEY'RE  
HORSES.

YOU'RE  
A BIG HELP,  
HASEBE.

MOST  
PEOPLE THAT  
HAVE EXPERIENCE  
WITH HORSES ARE  
NOT HERE,  
SO



YES.

YOU TRY  
IT FIRST,  
MAGAZUKI  
MUNE-  
CHIKA.



Doh



FIRST...  
YOU NEED TO  
GET CLOSE TO  
THE HORSE.

IF YOU  
UNDERSTAND  
THE HORSE,  
I'LL ALSO  
ACCEPT  
YOU.

YOU DO  
NOT WANT  
TO SCARE  
IT.



THE HORSES IS SPEAKING IN A HEAVY ACCENT HERE







OH?

GIVING  
A MASSAGE  
TO IMPROVE  
THEIR BLOOD  
CIRCULATION  
WITH THE  
BACK OF  
THE BLADE.

**WAIT!!  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING!?**

!?



HAVING  
SAID THAT-

**USE THIS!!  
LISTEN TO  
MY EXPLA-  
NATIONS TO  
THE END!!**

IT REALLY  
HELPS A LOT  
AGAINST STIFF-  
NESS.

Dooch

WELL,  
THE TOUSHIROU  
BROTHERS  
SOMETIMES  
MASSAGE MY  
SHOULDERS.

ONE DAY,  
I HAD THE IDEA  
THAT IT'D FEEL  
EVEN BETTER IF  
THEY USED THE  
BACK OF THEIR  
BLADES.

Alright-um,  
I'll massage your  
shoulders

Thanks for  
doing it all  
the time

HOW DID  
YOU EVEN  
GET THAT  
IDEA...



BUT I JUST  
WANTED TO THANK  
YOU SINCE WE'RE  
ALWAYS IN YOUR  
CARE.

I SURPRISED  
YOU BEFORE  
WHEN I DREW  
MY SWORD.



THEY  
REALLY  
WORK  
HARD.

THEY'RE  
STRONG AND  
RUN AS FAST  
AS THE WIND  
IN BATTLE.

HORSES  
ARE  
GREAT.





I HAVE  
HEARD THAT  
HORSE MEAT  
IS QUITE  
DELICIOUS.



...IS WHAT  
MASTER  
SAID.

THEY'RE QUITE  
NUTRITIONAL,  
BUT LOW CALORIE.  
IT'S A BIT  
EXPENSIVE,  
BUT POPULAR.

YOU CAN EAT  
HORSES?!

!?



HIGH  
PRICE...



The horses are  
together with us  
on the Little  
East. They're  
operating...

W-WHAT,  
YOU AREN'T  
THINKING ABOUT  
TRYING TO EAT  
THEM, RIGHT?!

WHAT WAS  
WITH THAT  
SHORT  
BREAK?

NO WAY.

Ha  
Ha  
Ha

THE  
NEXT  
DAY

YOU GUYS  
ARE WORRIED  
THAT YOU  
MIGHT BE  
BATEN OR  
GOLD...?!

YOU CAN  
REALLY SEE  
THAT THE ONES  
ON HORSE DUTY  
YESTERDAY DID  
A GREAT JOB.

OOH,  
THE HORSES ARE  
QUITE PUMPED UP  
TODAY.

STARTING  
FROM THIS DAY,  
THE MANUEVER  
OF THE HORSES  
IMPROVED BY  
A LOT.



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